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PBSUCCESS - Nicaraguan cooperation with the Agency was particularly close during the Agency's 1954 Guatemalan operation. In this campaign [

] in 1954--put [] official resources at the CIA's disposal. In turn they benefited from Agency improvement of airfields and other facilities; and from equipment and material left behind afterward.--Nicaragua became a willing accomplice of CIA officers who were directing Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas' attack on Arbenz. Nicaragua became a secure safe haven for Agency training of the Guatemalan military exiles and a staging area for their attacks. [] arranged for assistance of vital importance to the anti-Arbenz forces. For example, [] a number of [] properties available for Agency training sites, and [] the Guardia Nacional to cordon off portions of the Managua airport to permit "black" flights by Agency aircraft.

These actions took place in face of the reluctance of [] Honduras to become too deeply involved. [] eventually permitted the movement of troops through Honduras.

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